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CHEROKEE: FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

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SUBJECT: EVENING REPORT

- -- FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THURSDAY'S EVENING REPORT:
- 1. CHINESE PURCHASE OF SOYBEANS. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE RECENT 390,000 TON SOYBEAN PURCHASES BY THE CHINESE TEND TO CONFIRM THE VIEW THAT THE PURCHASE PROBABLY WILL NOT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT OUR SUPPLY SITUATION. THE CHINESE HAVE SPECIFIED THAT THE FIRST 140,000 TONS SHOULD, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, COME FROM BRAZIL. THE REMAINING 250,000 TONS, IF SUPPLIED FROM THE U.S., WILL COME OUT OF NEXT FALL'S CROP. THE SALE WAS ROUTINELY INCLUDED IN USDA'S WEEKLY EXPORT SALES REPORT ISSUED THIS AFTERNOON.
- 2. ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. DAVID ROCKEFELLER TELE-PHONED ME TODAY TO EXPRESS DEEP CONCERN OVER THE NEW SECRET

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PROPOSED ANTI-BOYCOTT LEGISLATION. HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES VIEW YESTERDAY'S PARTIAL MARK-UP IN THE SENATE BANKING COMMITTEE AS TENDING TO LIMIT THE CAPABILITY OF U.S. FIRMS OPERATING IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS. SENATOR SCHMITT, HOWEVER, HAS NOW SUBMITTED AN AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD RESTORE SOME FLEXIBILITY, AND WHICH WE WILL SUPPORT AS GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE

PRINCIPLES OUTLINED IN CY'S TESTIMONY. MEANWHILE, THE HOUSE COMPLETED ITS MARK-UP OF THE BOYCOTT LEGISLATION THIS MORNING INCORPORATING A COMPROMISE PACKAGE TO WHICH WE ACCEDED AS REPRESENTING THE BEST THAT COULD BE OBTAINED AT THIS POINT IN THE HOUSE. IF A BETTER RESULT IS OBTAINED IN THE SENATE MARK-UP, WE WOULD HOPE TO CARRY IT FORWARD INTO THE SENATE-HOUSE CONFERENCE.

- -- REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE ARE COMING TO SEE ME TOMORROW TO TALK ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE SITUATION. THEY ARE ESPECIALLY TROUBLED BECAUSE THEY PERCEIVE A MARKED EROSION OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ADL.
- 3. FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WITH CUBA: THE TALKS WITH CUBA THAT ENDED TUESDAY NIGHT VIRTUALLY REACHED AGREEMENT ON A GOVERNING INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AGREEMENT (GIFA). AGREEMENT IS ALSO IN SIGHT ON A PROVISIONAL MARITIME BOUNDARY. THE CUBANS DECLINED TO COMMENT OFFICIALLY ON ANY OF THE OTHER ISSUES WE RAISED.

THE COMMUNIQUE UNDERLINED THAT ONLY FISHERIES AND A MARITIME BOUNDARY WERE DISCUSSED AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THESE ISSUES WILL BE RESOLVED SOON. THE CUBANS STRESSED THAT THE TALKS HAD BEEN FACILITATED BY OUR DISCRETION IN HANDLING THE PRESS. THEY PROPOSED THAT THE NEXT ROUND BE HELD IN HAVANA ON APRIL 20 AND ASKED THAT WE KEEP THIS INVITATION CONFIDENTIAL. I KNOW CY PREFERS SECRET

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TO HAVE THE TALKS CONTINUE IN NEW YORK, AND WE WILL NOT RESPOND TO THE INVITATION UNTIL THE MATTER CAN BE CONSIDERED WHEN HE RETURNS OVER THE WEEKEND.

- 4. PANAMA: ELLSWORTH BUNKER AND SOL LINOWITZ BRIEFED THE VENEZUELAN AND COLOMBIAN PRESIDENTS ON THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS LAST WEEK. BOTH PEREZ AND LOPEZ-MICHELSON WERE FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATION AND SPOKE FAVORABLY OF THE "REASONABLENESS" OF OUR CONTINUING SECURITY INTEREST IN THE CANAL'S NEUTRALITY AFTER A NEW TREATY EXPIRES, BUT CAUTIONED THAT TORRIJOS WILL HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY ON THIS POINT. PEREZ OFFERED TO SPONSOR A JOINT INFORMAL INITIATIVE BY VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, AND COSTA RICA TO SEEK A U.S.-PANAMA ACCOMMODATION. LOPEZ SPOKE OF A COLOMBIAN EFFORT ALONG THE SAME LINES. BUNKER AND LINOWITZ PLAN A SIMILAR TRIP TO COSTA RICA AND MEXICO IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
- 5. FRENCH RESPONSE TO YOUR NUCLEAR POLICY MESSAGE:

THE FRENCH GAVE US A PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TODAY TO YOUR NUCLEAR POLICY STATEMENT. THEY SAID THEY SHARED YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROLIFERATION DANGERS OF PLUTONIUM AND NOW PROHIBIT REPROCESSING TRANSFERS, EMPHASIZING INSTEAD THE AVAILABILITY OF REPROCESSING SERVICES IN FRANCE. SINCE THEY CONSIDER DOMESTIC REPROCESSING A "VITAL NECESSITY", THEY ASKED THAT YOUR STATEMENT BE WORDED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT YOU WERE EXPRESSING DOMESTIC POLICY. WE ARE ASSURING THE FRENCH, AS WELL AS OTHER GOVERNMENTS, THAT YOUR STATEMENT WILL EMPHASIZE DOMESTIC DECISIONS AND PROVIDE FOR FULL CONSULTATIONS ON INTERNATIONAL APPROACHES TO NON-PROLIFERATION.

6. AMBASSADORIAL CANDIDATE-SRI LANKA: PROFESSOR HOWARD WRIGGINS OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY CAME IN TODAY TO SAY HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SERVE AS AMBASSADOR TO SRI LANKA. WRIGGINS IS A LEADING SOUTH ASIAN SCHOLAR SECRET

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WITH EXTENSIVE GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE, AND IT IS GOOD NEWS THAT HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT THIS POST.

7. TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATOR GLENN'S SUBCOMMITTEE: DESPITE OUR REPEATED AND STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT, SENATOR GLENN HAS INSISTED THAT I TESTIFY ON HIS PROPOSED NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION TOMORROW. OF COURSE, I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID ANY PRIOR DISCLOSURE OF YOUR ANTICIPATED STATEMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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